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**REMARKS
AND
STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE TELEPHONE CONFERENCE**

As a preliminary matter, Applicant's representative would like to thank Examiner Brandon S. Hoffman for courtesies extended in the telephonic conference conducted on December 29, 2005.

Applicant submits this Statement to comply with the requirements of M.P.E.P. § 713.04.

Claims 1 and 3-28 are all the claims presently pending in the application.

In accordance with the telephone conference, while Applicants believe that all of the claims are in condition for immediate allowance, to speed prosecution, claims 1, 8-10, 20, 23, 24, 26, and 27 are amended herewith to define more clearly and particularly the features of the present invention, particularly, the "*reader*" and the "*reading*", as exemplarily defined by the claimed invention.

The Examiner stated that the Preliminary Amendment would be considered prior to issuing the first Office Action after the filing of the RCE.

The Examiner respectfully is requested to contact Applicant's representative prior to issuing a first Office Action after the filing of the RCE to discuss the amendments herein.

It is noted that the claim amendments are made only for more particularly pointing out the invention, and not for distinguishing the invention over the prior art, narrowing the claims or for any statutory requirements of patentability. Further, Applicants specifically state that no amendment to any claim herein should be construed as a disclaimer of any interest in or right to an equivalent of any element or feature of the amended claim.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that claims 1 and 3-28, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

It is believed that no petition or fee is required. However, if the USPTO deems otherwise, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,

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I certify that I transmitted via facsimile to (571) 273-8300 the enclosed Preliminary Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 to Examiner Brandon S. Hoffman, Art Unit 2136, on December 30, 2005.


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